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Director of Training

Plans and Policy Staff

Weekly Activity Report #23

1. Employee Suggestions

An employee suggestion referred recently to the Language School was returned by the Suggestion Awards Committee with a comment that OTR's reaction was not entirely responsive to the suggestion. Mr. [] resolved this problem with members of the Language School.

He also plans to meet with C/IS and C/LAS next week to resolve another problem involving a suggestion that OTR develop a course or course material to enable employees abroad to deal with questions critical of American policies. In this case, OTR and DD/P have not been able to take a final position on the subject.

2. Current Intelligence Briefing

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On 5 June Mr. [] attended the 1230 Current Intelligence Briefing given in the [] of OCI gave an excellent briefing on the world-wide intelligence situation. The Dr. does have an annoying personal mannerism of interspersing too many uh's into his presentation. I noticed that other than the current class attending the briefing, there were only about eight additional personnel there to include myself. I discussed the course with [] []. He tells me it will be presented three more times this summer and then suspended until the first week in September. He is of the opinion that there would be a better voluntary attendance if the briefings were started at 1245 instead of 1230 but states in the past this has conflicted with the hours of instruction given by the School of International Communism in the same space. Mr. [] states another problem in changing the hour is the fact that the OCI briefers prefer to terminate by 1300. I suggested that prior to starting the class next September, these problems should be discussed with DTR and it might be that by making a survey through the DD/I, DD/P, and DD/S Training Officers we could establish a requirement for a change in the hours of the briefing which OCI might go along with without feeling that OTR was inconveniencing them.

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On 5 June I called at [] ^{25X1} and discussed his ^{25X1} problems concerning our war and emergency planning requirements. He had a number of questions, all very reasonable, and I encouraged him to supply his own answers to those questions and felt that he answered them very well and has a good appreciation of the intent of this planning exercise. He particularly liked the fact the paper had reminded him to check the status of his vital documents program as it was his opinion that this probably was not flowing as it should be. I will meet with Mr. [] staff on 12 June as he wishes.

Emergency planning is also being discussed with [] ^{25X1} as ^{25X1} the individual responsible for the collation of the individual plans within the Registrar's office.

[] ^{25X1} returned the draft of our emergency planning paper with his written comments. He approves of the idea of delegating the planning responsibility to operating components as an excellent one. The rest of his comments were guidance to particular portions of the Global and CIAPAC War Plans which we will consider in drawing up CTR's final plan. Through [] I referred [] for the answers to some specific questions Joe had as to what sort of reporting we would do in wartime above and beyond order-of-battle reporting for the armed forces.

4. Briefing for Department of State Officers

I attended the opening sessions of [] ^{25X1} briefing for Department of State officers on 10 June. Paul did a superior job which resulted in a round of applause at the end of his orientation, and later in the men's washroom I heard this exchange of remarks, "That [] does a pretty fine job." "Yes, he was outstanding." It occurs to me that our making a film of a briefing of this nature given by Paul might have the following uses:

- a. Inclusion in our vital documents files.

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I also feel it would be excellent experience for JOT's to be rotated through brief assignments under Paul as assistant briefing officers. This would also build up CIA's emergency capabilities to provide this sort of instruction. I also believe it would be advantageous to CIA if Paul's presentation were given at the service academies to orient young officers on our part in the national intelligence picture prior to their graduation.

5. ELINT Course

Attached please find [] ^{25X1} on progress toward the DD/P ELINT course. He has also included Tab A, a tentative drawing together of what the course is beginning to look like. He is now using this outline as a basis for discussion with prospective students, guest speakers, etc. At the moment, the course would not require more than two weeks to conduct, rather than the three originally estimated. Phil also has the very fine idea of trying to lay on a flight in a ferret aircraft and a trip to Cape Canaveral as part of the briefing. He intends to interview Colonel Burke about the possible air flight and what else DPD may be able to contribute to the instruction.

6. Meetings

The weekly conference with [] ^{25X1} was reported orally to DTR and DDTR. An interview with Mr. [] was reported by separate memorandum and pertinent information therefrom has been sent to the Operations School.

7. Letter for DTR Signature

In reading last week's activity reports, I would suggest we might ask [] to prepare a letter for your signature for C/ORR via DD/I inviting attention to [] high waiver test results.

8. [] Native Language Teacher

LAS was given the name, address, and background information on a [] language teacher recently arrived in Washington.

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